

Hello All,

I am writing in as a lifelong CT resident. A U.S. Army - Military Police combat Veteran. And a 13 year Armed Security Officer in the Defense Industry.

I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed HB 6355, which seeks to "enhance" the Unconstitutional "Red Flag" Laws.

My biggest issue with these laws is the absolute lack of Due Process before a citizen is deprived of their property and their rights.

Here in the United States, we as citizens have the right to face our accuser in front of a Judge to answer and refute any claims made against us before we can lose a right.

Sadly, with Red Flag laws, this right is notably absent and only presents itself after the fact. And can then take months, if not years before that property is returned and the rights restored even if the original accusation is unfounded and false.

On another note, these laws and the proposed enhancements will lead to many, including Combat Veterans, to avoid seeking any level of mental health help which they may need. Out of the fear that they may word something incorrectly and the Psychologist or Doctor which they are seeing may push to remove their rights.

I absolutely understand the reasons behind these proposed laws, and I as well want nothing but the best for my fellow citizens. I want to reduce the crimes being committed in our society, the number of Suicides (especially the estimated 23 a day for my fellow Veterans), and any accidents. But these laws, while they may feel good in idea, are absent of any logical effect with the exception of violating our fellow citizens rights.

I ask the Legislature to please Vote NO on HB-6355.

Respectfully,
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